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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lane.

Representative Glenn made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting of March 11, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative LaVoy made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Dr. Lawrence Makovich, Vice President and Senior Advisor at IHS CERA, spoke to the Committee regarding regulated utility markets and retail access. Topics reviewed included: reliable electric supply for Michigan consumers; electricity demand and capacity; zones within the Michigan regional market and market clearing price; price and costs regarding demand; technology and cost characteristics; market utilization and capacity; overwriting the market result and mandating supply; resource advocacy rule and a demand for capacity; the PJM market and capacity price; peaking and baseload cycling plants; and adjusting retail open access.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 4298 (Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; electric choice; eliminate, prohibit self-implementation of rate increases, and require utilities to utilize a competitive bid process.
HB 4299 (Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; 1951 PA 35; update references.
HB 4300 (Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; home rule city act; update references.
HB 4301 (Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; electric cooperative member-regulation act; update references.
HB 4302 (Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; clean, renewable, and efficient energy act; update references.

Cami Pendell, representing the Association of Business Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE), submitted a card indicating opposition to HB 4298 regarding the elimination of Electric Choice.

Robert Bernardi, representing Executive Energy Services, LLC, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4298.

Subsequent to the presentation, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:29 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

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